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"PROBABLY NO AMERICAN can understand the Asiatic concept of 'face.' This is perhaps fortunate. In view of how much 'face' the U.S. has lost in the Orient, we would have to burn Washington to recover it."

Clare Boothe Luce, writing in

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THE CRAFT OF INTELLIGENCE, by Allen Dulles. Harper & Row. \$4.95.

It takes an effort these days to make oneself believe that even in a police state like Soviet Russia there exists a high-level government department with no function except to plan and carry out the assassination of the régime's enemies who have gone abroad. I had supposed that bureaucratized murder must have disappeared with the death of Stalin and the liquidation of Beria. Thanks to Mr. Dulles's book, I now know that the "Executive Action" section of the KGB, the Soviet secret service, continues to carry out murders in the name of ideology.

"... In the subsequent era of so-called 'socialist legality' which was proclaimed by Khrushchev in 1956," Mr. Dulles reveals, "a later generation of exiled leaders was decimated. The only difference between the earlier and later crops of political murders lay in the subtlety and efficacy of the murder weapons. The mysterious deaths in Munich, in 1957 and 1959, of Lev Rebet and Stephen Bandera, leaders of the Ukrainian émigrés, were managed with a cyanide spray that killed almost instantaneously."

As Mr. Dulles points out, the importance the Soviet government continues to attach to the mission of the Executive Action section is demonstrated by the recent appointment of General Korovin (real name Nikolay B. Rodin) to head it. Korovin was the top-level KGB agent who as counselor of the Soviet embassy in London from 1953 to early 1961 was in charge of the subsequently notorious George Blake and William Vassall. It makes you wonder.

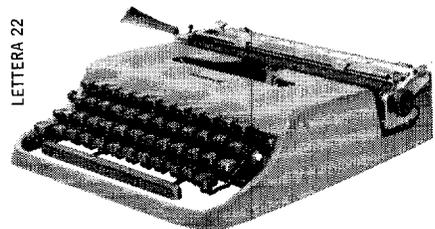
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